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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR MNUC OCLR NL
SUBJ: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISIT TO NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

REF: STATE 170512

1. ON BALANCE, OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR A NPW VISIT TO WILLEMSTAD IN EARLY DECEMBER.
2. THE BASIS FOR OUR DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING NPW VISITS TO ROTTERDAM HAS BEEN THE DUTCH LAW OF OCTOBER 24, 1973. THIS LEGISLATION, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THE BRUSSELS CONVENTION OF 25 MAY 1962, DOES NOT APPLY IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. THIS POINT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO US INFORMALLY BY MFA CONTACTS WITH WHOM WE NORMALLY DEAL IN CASES OF NPW VISITS TO THE NETHERLANDS. THUS, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE ARE NO LEGAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF A NPW
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VISIT TO WILLEMSTAD OF THE SORT WE HAD TO OVERCOME IN SECURING CURRENT BILLFISH VISIT TO ROTTERDAM. MFA CONTACTS SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT PROCEED WITH REQUEST FOR WILLEMSTAD VISIT.

3. PRACTICE, MOREOVER, INDICATES THAT THE COAST IS CLEAR. LAST FEBRUARY, JUST AS BRITISH EMBASSY HERE WAS RUNNING INTO

DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING PERMISSION FOR VISIT OF HMS SOVEREIGN, MFA ROUTINELY APPROVED OUR REQUEST FOR NPW VISIT OF USS TREPANG TO WILLEMSTAD. FURTHERMORE, THIS VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE GONE WELL AND HAS ELIVITED NO PRESS OR OTHER ATTENTION HERE.

4. SUBJECT TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OF A LOCAL NATURE AFFECTING OUR APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE ON WHICH AMCONGEN COUACAO IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO COMMENT, WE CONCLUDE WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH THE REQUEST.

5. REFTTEL INDICATES DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR THREE OTHER SHIPS IN UNITAS XVIII CRUISE HAS ALREADY BEEN INITIATED. THIS EMBASSY HAS SO FAR RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS. WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT REQUESTS FOR PORT VISITS TO THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES MUST BE MADE THROUGH GON AT THE HAGUE.
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